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BECAUSE YOU DEMANDED IT...

...IN THEIR
OWN
MONTHLY
SERIES!



LOCH
DEMON...

... IN THE
HIGHLANDS OF
SCOTLAND...

...A HAUNTED
PLACE...

ON A HAUNTED
NIGHT...

GATEWAY
TECHNOLOGIES
WE OPEN THE DOOR TO TOMORROW

WARWOLVES
OF
LONDON!

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HIS NAME IS TWEEDELE-DOPE-- BUT THAT
ISN'T IMPORTANT. WHAT HE'S DOING,
THAT'S WHAT MATTERS.



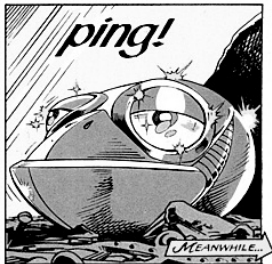
...AND NOW, THE
LATEST ON THE
LONDON HOSTAGE
SITUATION...

...WHERE
IT'S RELIABLY
REPORTED THAT
CAPTAIN
BRITAIN...

HAH!



...TOGETHER
WITH A BAND
OF COSTUMED
ADVENTURERS
KNOWN AS
EXCALIBUR
HAS BEEN



...SOME FIVE HUNDRED MILES
ROUGHLY SOUTHWARD...

IN THE
HAUNTED
CAPITAL...

...OF THIS HAUNTED REALM...



I MUST BE
DAFT...

...TURNING
TO YOU AND
A PAIR OF
TEENAGERS...

...WHEN
I'VE TRAINED
POLICE OFFICERS
AT HAND.

SHADOWCAT AND
PHOENIX ARE NO
MORE ORDINARY
TEENS, COMMANDER
THOMAS, THAN I AM
AN ORDINARY MAN.

THAT MEANT
TO BE RE-
ASSURING?

TRUST ME, DAI,
THIS WAY IS
BEST.

WALLY'S

YOU BETTER BE RIGHT, BUCKO.
ANY HOSTAGES GET EVEN SCRATCHED
--LET ALONE KILLED-- AND WE'LL
BOTH OF US BE HUNG!



LASS YOUR AGE SHOULD
BE HOME ASKED, NOT
GALLIVANTING ABOUT
ROOFTOPS AT THREE
IN THE FLIPPING
MORNING!

I'M THE
POLICEMAN,
MISS, NOT
YOU.

SHADOWCAT, WE
HAVE OUR CUE, CAP-
TAIN BRITAIN SAYS
IT'S TIME TO MOVE.



WAIT,
HOLD
ON, YOU
CAN'T--
STRENGTH!?

SEE,
SARGE?
NO
NEED TO
WORRY.

IN OUR WAY,
WE'RE AS PRO-
FESSIONALS AS
YOU GUYS,
AND IN OUR
TIME...



...MY PARTNER HERE AND
I HAVE HELPED SAVE
THE WORLD--

--AT LEAST TWICE!

SO A
GANG OF
STREET
THUGS--

IS REALLY
NO GREAT
BIG DEAL.

THANKS
FOR
WORRYING,
THOUGH.

THAT'S
SWEET.

SEEEYA!

SHE FELL THROUGH THE ROOF... LIKE A GHOST...

--AN' SHE SAID HER FRIEND, THE REDHEAD...

...COULD READ THOUGHTS!

IMPOSSIBLE...

--AND YET...

I SAW...

--WHAT A WILD, WONDERFUL WORLD THIS--

RIGHT YOU ARE, BOY-SONNY!

GLORY TO THE MAX!

GLORY!

AND PROUD YOU SHOULD BE, TOO!

AIN'T EVERY SKIN...

--GETS CAST AS A WAR-WOLF!

RAY MULHOLLAND.

GOOD MAN, GOOD COP, HUSBAND AND FATHER. WITH ALL THE DREAMS A MAN CAN HAVE-- SOME FULFILLED, MOST NOT, BUT HE NEVER MINDED. THAT'S THE WAY LIFE IS. YOU PLAY THE HAND YOU'RE DEALT.

IN A THINKING, IN A TRICE...

--THAT'S ALL STRIPPED FROM HIM...

SO THERE'S NOTHING LEFT OF SUBSTANCE.

THERE'S ONLY THE SHELL.

LITTLE WORN ABOUT THE EDGES.

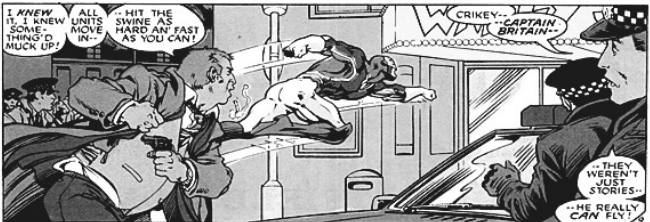
NOT THE MOST STYLISH I'VE SEEN.

BUT THE FIT IS PERFECT.

AN' ME, I'VE THE KIND...

PREFERS COMFORT TO FASHION ANYDAY!









THIS IS THE POLICE! NOBODY...

...MOVE.

SORRY TO STEAL YOUR THUNDER, CAP.

PARTY'S ALREADY OVER.

BAD GUYS NEVER KNEW WHAT HIT 'EM.

IT WASN'T A GHOST!

IT WAS A GIRL!

THEY'RE BOTH GIRLS!

MUTIES, I BET.

FIGURE THAT OUT, DIDJA, ALL BY YOURSELF?



WAS THERE TROUBLE?

WE HEARD A SHOT.

NOTHING WE COULDN'T HANDLE, RIGHT, PHOENIX?

RIGHT.



NIGEL FROBISHER.

MERCHANT BANKING.

?



WANTED TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE...

...PRIVATELY?

PLEASE, GO AWAY.



YOUR LIPS SAY THAT, MY DARLING...

SO DO MINE.

GO AWAY.



ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, PHOENIX?

I'LL MANAGE.

SOMETHING... HAPPENED, CAP. ONE MOMENT, EVERYTHING WAS FINE...

THE NEXT...

...IT WAS AS THOUGH...

...I WAS DYING.

PONCY STUCK-UP ARROGANT S.O.B. WHO'S HE THINK HE IS SHOWING HIS WEIGHT AROUND



BUT IT WASN'T ME-- DYING, I MEAN--

-- IT WAS SOMEONE ELSE. THEIR LAST, TERRIBLE DESPAIRING PSYCHIC SCREAM.

AND NOW, NO MATTER HOW HARD I SCAN...

I CAN'T FIND EVEN A RESIDUAL TRACE OF THAT PERSON'S THOUGHTS.

IT'S AS THOUGH THE MIND I TOUCHED...

... NEVER EVEN EXISTED.







BRIAN!
DIDN'T MEAN TO JUMP SO, YOU STARTLED ME.

MY APOLOGIES.
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?

FINE, EXCEPT FOR THE HEADACHE...



...I SEEM TO GET NOW, FROM THE STRAIN OF COUNTERACTING MY PHASING POWER AND KEEPING MY BODY SOLID.

YOU'VE BEEN SPENDING A LOT OF TIME DOWN HERE IN MY OLD WORKSHOP.

RACHEL AND I WERE GETTING WORRIED.

SORRY I GET SORT OF MACRO-OBSESSIVE...



...WHEN I'M WORKING ON A PROJECT.

RACHEL SAYS YOU'RE SOMETHING OF AN ELECTRONICS WHIZ.

I WISH INSPIRED TINKERER IS MORE LIKE IT.

SO WAS I, WHEN I WAS IN SCHOOL.

THINKING OF THOSE DAYS NOW...



...IT SEEMS LIKE ANCIENT HISTORY.

SAME WITH ME, REMEMBERING LIFE BEFORE I JOINED THE X-MEN.

YOU STILL MISS THEM.

ALWAYS WILL.

I HAVE BUSINESS IN TOWN...

...AND RACHEL'S SEEING A PLAY...

--WHY DON'T YOU JOIN US?



RAIN CHECK, OKAY?

I "PRYDE" MYSELF...

ON FINISHING WHAT I START.

AS WELL AS CAN BE EXPECTED.

HEY, BRIAN--HOW'S RAY DOING?



THANK HEAVEN, THERE'VE BEEN NO MORE THAN THE THREE OF THOSE STRANGE SEIZURES THE PAST FEW DAYS.

SHE'D BE BETTER, THOUGH, IF SHE COULD DETERMINE WHAT THEIR CAUSE WAS.

MAYBE CAPTAIN BRITAIN...

I CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT.



--WHERE'S THIS DOOR LEAD, THE ONE OPPOSITE THE FRONT ENTRANCE?

STORAGE CELLARS.



WORTH A LOOK--

--GLORY !?!

Holacœy!

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VAJNE-MAJENTS QUEE!

RÄSTNE-BAJAN!

KODAMÖE!



NO NEED TO PROVIDE TRANSLATION, MEINE HERRAN.

I GET THE MESSAGE.

I KNOW WHEN I'M NOT WANTED!



YAAIE!

MEGGAN--
--BEWARE--
--DANGER--
--CREATURES IN YOUR BASEMENT!

BAMF!



BE CAREFUL! I'LL BE FINE, IT'S YOU I'M CONCERNED ABOUT, YOU'RE WEAK AS A BABY!

TELE-PORTING...



...ISN'T AS EASY...

...AS IT USED TO BE.

THEY'RE IN...

...HERE.



EMPTY!

BUT IT WAS... I SAW...

MEIN GOTT--

--DID I IMAGINE IT???



THAT'S THE CHAP WHO ACCOSTED RACHEL AT THE NIGHT-CLUB.

THOUGHT FOR A MOMENT HE RECOGNIZED HER AS PHOENIX.

SHE TOLD ME SHE WAS GOING TO PSILINK WITH MEGGAN AND NIGHT-CRAWLER. POOR GIRL WAS PROBABLY SO WRAPPED UP IN THAT, SHE DIDN'T EVEN REALIZE THE MAN WAS THERE.

I WAS AFRAID I'D HAVE TO TAKE A HAND AGAIN.

SHE HANDLED HIM WELL -- BUT HE'S THE TYPE WHO'LL NEVER GET THE MESSAGE.

...A MORE... CONSERVATIVE MODE OF ATTIRE.

BRIAN! SORRY I'M LATE. THE USUAL CRISIS ON WALL STREET.

STILL-- PERHAPS I SHOULD SUGGEST RACHEL ADOPT...

COURTNEY ROSS!

I DON'T MIND WAITING. ESPECIALLY FOR YOU.

FLATTERER. I MUST SAY, THE YEARS HAVE BEEN GOOD TO YOU.

MUSIC TO MY EARS.

NO LESS THAN YOU.

IT SEEMS LIKE ONLY YESTERDAY WE WERE AT UNIVERSITY TOGETHER.

NOW YOU'RE SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT OF THIS BANK...

AND MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN I REMEMBER.

THAT WOULDN'T BE HARD.

BUT-- WHEN DID YOU BECOME A BLONDE?

ALWAYS WAS. BUT IN SCHOOL, I CONSIDERED THIS COLOR SOCIALLY AND POLITICALLY DECLASSÉ-- TOO FLASHY AND INDIVIDUAL--

--SO I DYED IT AUBURN.

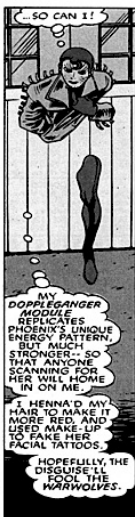
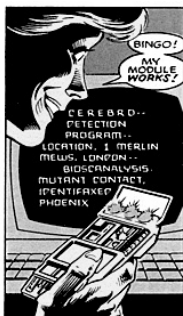
I'M GLAD YOU CHANGED IT BACK.

IT'S QUITE SPECTACULAR.

I'M SURE. MY DEAR, YOU HAVEN'T COME CALLING AFTER ALL THIS TIME. SIMPLY TO INDULGE IN FOND REMINISCENCES.

NO. I'VE NEED OF YOUR BANK.

THAT'S WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR. TELL ME ALL.



AND SO, A LITTLE LATER...



SINCE YOU WERE SO COLD, NIGHTY...

...I FIXED YOU A MUG OF STEAMING HOT COCOA...



MEGGAN--

..DEAR GIRL--

..A GENTLE-MAN...

...PREFERS SOME PRIVACY IN HIS BATH?

OK.

HOW STRANGE ON DYNASTY...

JOAN COLLINS NEVER SEEMS TO MIND...



VERY HOT-TEMPERED...

...BOY-FRIEND.

...BEING INTERRUPTED IN HER BUBBLE-BATH.

glub
SIGH
glub
glub
gleep!



MERLIN'S MEWS.
AGAIN...

ANYTHING INTER-
ESTING ON THE
TUBE, MEGGAN?

CORONATION
STREET AND
EASTENDERS,
AND DR WHO
AND FILM '88
AND WILLOWAYS
AND STAR TREK.

I'VE
LOTS OF
POP-
CORN...

...IF
YOU
WANT TO
WATCH,
TOO.

PERHAPS SHE LOVES
TELEVISION,
LATER. POOR GIRL.

TO MEGGAN, IT'S
LIKE A WINDOW
ONTO ANOTHER.
FANTASTIC
REALITY.

AND
WHO KNOWS,
SHE MAY BE
RIGHT-- Ah,
THIS MUST BE
BRIAN'S WORK-
SHOP.

TWO
SIGNALS?!!

SCANNING MOPE--
MUTANT CONTACT,
IDENTIFIED
PHOENIX

LEIBER GOTT,
HAS SHE CHID
LOST HER SENSES,
WHAT HAS SHE
DONE?!!

THE ALDWYCH
THEATRE,
THE STRAND--
LONDON
HOME OF
THE ROYAL
SHAKESPEARE
COMPANY...

PHOENIX!

NO
NEED
TO
YELL,
KURT.

I'M ALWAYS IN
A LIGHT TELE-
PATHIC RAPPORT
WITH THE TEAM.
JUST MENTALLY
CALL "BY NAME"
AND I'LL HEAR.

I'LL
EXPLAIN
AS I
GO...

--KITTY'S IN
EAST LONDON,
THE OLD DOCK-
SIDE WAREHOUSE
DISTRICT--

--GET
TO HER,
QUICK,
AS YOU
CAN--

--AND ALERT
CAPTAIN
BRITAIN
AS WELL--

--MEGGAN
AND I ARE
ALREADY ON
OUR WAY!

IT'S DONE,
NIGHT-
CRAWLER.
I'LL BE
WITH HER
IN A
FLASH!

UNFORTUNATELY...
BUMMER
BUMMER!
HOURS OF
TRUDGING--
WITH ZIPPO
TO SHOW
FOR IT BUT
SORE FEET.

Fine Olde English
Humbugs



PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE
TALKED THIS
OVER WITH
SOMEBODY--
BUT KURT'S
THE ONLY ONE
I RELATE
TO...

...AND
HIM NOT
ALL THAT
COMFORT-
ABLY.



SHADOWCAT!
MY OUTFIT--
MY FACE--

--WHAT THE
BLAZES-- ?!!

IT'S A LONG
STORY, I'LL TELL
YOU WHEN I GET
HOME. JUST WISH
IT HAD A
HAPPIER ENDING.



TALKING TO YOUR-
SELF, YOUNG
MISS?

SERGEANT
MULHOLLAND
--WE MEET
AGAIN!

BOUND TO
HAPPEN...

...SWEETS
LIKE YOU...

...HOT-
SHOTS
LIKE US.

?



BEEN
WAITING...

MOST EAGERLY
AND IM-
PATIENTLY...

...FOR THIS
MOMENT.

KITTY,
WHAT'S
GOING ON?

NO PROB, RAY.
IT'S ONLY THE
COP WE MET THE
OTHER NIGHT.

I SEE HIS IMAGE IN YOUR THOUGHTS--
BUT, KITTY, I CAN'T SCAN HIS! HE'S
INVISIBLE TO MY PSI-POWER!



FIGURED WE'D
FORGOTTEN
YOU, BABY
PHOENIX?

OH,
GROSS!

RAY, THE
SERGEANT--

--THOSE
OTHERS--

--THEY'RE
WARWOLVES!



WE
DON'T
QUIT.

...TIL WE'VE GOT WHAT
WE CAME FOR--

--AND THAT,
SWEET-
HEART...

KITTY,
RUN
FOR IT!

I'LL BE
OKAY--

-- MY
PHASING
POWER'LL...

...IS
YOU!



...PROTECT ME
AVE!





QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"Always figured we X-MEN led charmed lives — That, no matter what, we'd pull through, live forever. The joke sure was on me."

— Kitty Pryde, *Shadowcat*
EXCALIBUR #1

ITEM: We know your startled sensibilities are still reeling from last month's amazing announcement of how mighty Marvel's upper editorial echelon has recently undergone an upheaval. But wait — *there's more!* We've recently added three new frantic faces to our chaotic core of assistant editors, and they are: *Joshing James DiGiovanni* (a recent graduate of Wesleyan University in Connecticut who will be assisting *Battling Bobbie Chase*), *Agonizing Andrew Perry* (one of our former college interns who has been paired with *Credible Craig Anderson*)

and *Sassy Sara Tuchinsky* (who worked as an Epic intern and now serves with *Grouchy Gregory Wright* in our Special Projects Department.) Let's give our terrific trio a hearty welcome! After all, the assistants of today are your editors of tomorrow!

ITEM: Hyborian's astral over the June wedding of Marvel's own Jubilant *Geoff Isherwood* (the incredible embellisher of a certain well-known Cimmarian) and writer/artist (*Red*) *Sonya Skarstedt*. So raise your flagons and unleash a tumultuous toast to a match made in Valhalla!

ITEM: Let's all give a rousing welcome to the two newest additions to mighty Marvel's baby brigade! *IRON MAN* penciler *Jackson Guice* and his winsome wife *Julie* announced the birth of their daughter *Elizabeth Diane*, who arrived on February 16... and *Ron Wagner* (of G.I. JOE penciling fame) and his scintillating spouse *Cindy* happily informed us that little *Nikki* bounced into their lives on March 5. Congratulations to all four proud parents!!

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Editor: MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS, EXCALIBUR, SPEEDBALL, WOLFPACK (LS), and HERO (LS)

Marvel freelance credits (past): ANIMAX and KICKERS, INC.

Marvel freelance credits (present): SOLO AVENGERS Stories.

My hobbies are: Semi-legal.

The single work of which I am most proud is: Pretty darn good.

My pet peeves are: Almost housebroken.

My place of birth is: Not yet a shrine.

My greatest accomplishment outside the comics field is: A long story.

My oddest habit is: Not suitable for print.

If they were making a movie of my life, I'd like to see my part played by: A nineteen-year-old.

The reason I got into comics was: Extremely interesting.

People who knew me in High School thought I was: In grammar school.

My favorite performers are: Double-jointed.

The last good book I read was: \$5.95.

The last good movie I saw was: \$4.00.

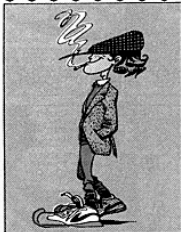
The biggest influences on my work include: My creditors.

My greatest unfulfilled ambition in the comics field is: A great frustration to me.

The worst part of my job is: Not done yet.

When nobody's looking I like to: Try and get their attention back.

The one thing I really want the world to know about me is: Top-secret.



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